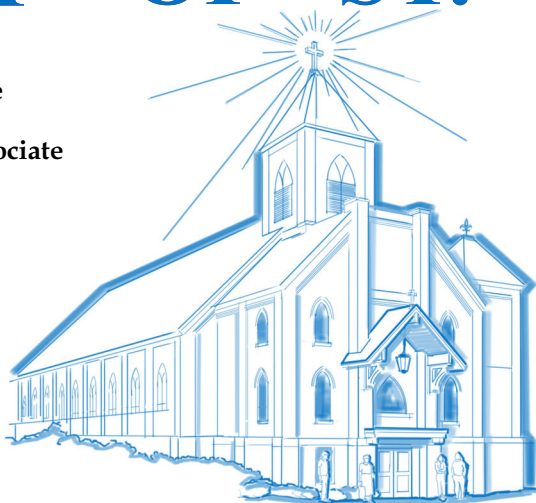


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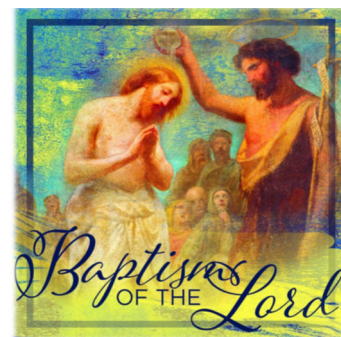
Rev. William B. Leone: Pastor
 Rev. William Endres: In Residence
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January 9, 2022



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for the cards, cookies, gifts, food and prayers you gave us over the Christmas holidays. May God bless you all. Be assured of my prayers for you and all your families.

And thank you for observing the COVID-19 protocols while in church. I know they are not easy to follow, but your efforts are appreciated.

Respectfully,
 Father Leone



We welcome those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Simone Catherine McCutchen**, daughter of **Shawn and Lindsay**, and **Lucas Brandon McKay**, son of **Brandon and Allyse**.

Faith FORMATION

Attention 2nd Grade Parents!

- On Tuesday **January 11, 2022**, during class time, 6-7p.m., we will have the **First Penance Parent Orientation Meeting**.
- On Saturday **March 5, 2022**, from 9:00 a.m. to about 11:00 a.m., we will be having the **First Penance Reflection Day!** This will be for the children as well as at least one parent.
- On Saturday **March 12th, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m., we will begin individual **First Penance**. Family members will be welcome to go to reconciliation as well.

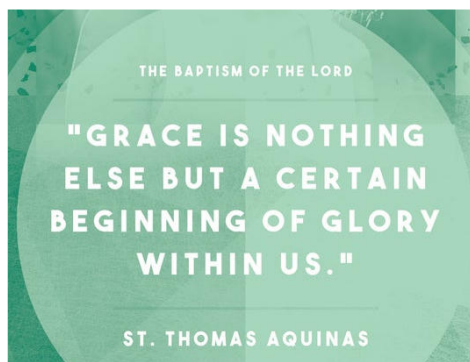
Thank you!

—Judy Joslin, Faith Formation Coordinator



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the commemoration of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, as related to us in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

In the Eastern Church, the Baptism of the Lord is called The Feast of the Holy "Theophany", meaning "shining forth" or "manifestation of God", because all three persons of the Trinity appear in the Gospel story: Jesus the Son who humbled himself to be baptized by a mere man, the Holy Spirit who descended in the likeness of a dove, and the Father who spoke in a voice from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



CMA Update

Goal:	\$81,614.00
Pledged to date:	\$60,127.00
Number of Donors:	200
Accomplished 73.67% of our goal.	



Monday, January 10, 2022

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Raymond Schlitzer, by
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Arena

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Guisepe Albertini, by aunt,
Victoria Galante

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Charles W. Prong, by wife,
Alice

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Mary Rose Spacher, by
niece, Shelley Mosher

Friday, January 14, 2022

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Tullia Lonardo, by Victoria
Galante

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Weekday

4:30 p.m. Charlotte Altman, by
children

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Laura Fioravanti, 1st anniversary remembrance,
by children

10:00 a.m. For the people of the parish



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 10, 2022

3:30 p.m. - Legion of Mary

7:00 p.m. - Knights of St. John

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

6:00-7:00p.m. - Faith Formation (1-5)

6:00-7:00 p.m. - First Penance Parent Orientation Meeting

7:15-8:15 p.m.- Faith Formation (6-7)

7:15-8:30 p.m. - Confirmation Prep

Thursday, January 13, 2022

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

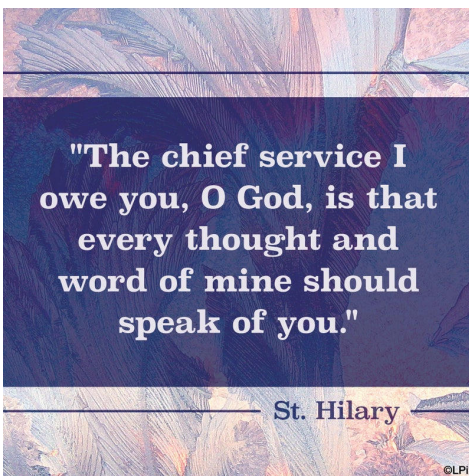
Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:00-9:50 a.m.—Faith Formation (K)



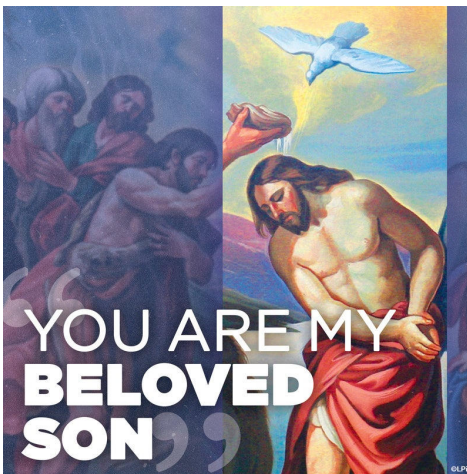
Attention!

If you have a new mailing address, phone number, or email, please contact the office so we can stay in touch with you! And if you've been attending St. Jerome's but you've never officially become a parishioner, we'd be very happy to welcome you to our parish family. Call Nicole at the office, 585-586-3231, or email estjerom@dor.org.



"Baptism is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in that inexhaustible fount of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love of all history; and thanks to this love we are able to live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, sin and death, but rather in communion with God and with our brothers."

—Pope Francis, 1/8/2014



Please Pray for Those in the Military:



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PVT. Kyle Anderson
Brandon Beauchamp USAF
2nd LT Matthew Blejwas
Specialist Aaron Brochu
Airman Rachel Brock
BM3 Mary Carr USN
Captain Craig Carlisle
Captain Todd Cimicata USN
Chief Master Sgt. Matt Clancy
Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
Captain Brian Findlay
Lt. Kurt Findlay
Sgt. Daniel Frate
CW5 Thomas C. Grove
Cpt John P. Hansen 7 SFG (A)
Cpl. Kevin Harte
LCDR. Bart Hicklin USN
CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
Sgt. Ryan Jackson
HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
Ryan LaFountain
HM3 Marcella Levato USN
Bryan McAuliff USN
PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
SFC. Nathaniel McCavoy
Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt Jr.
COL. Martin J. Schmidt US Army
CPT. AJ Spacher US Army
Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan
SR Darroch Zingg USN



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially Frank Goodman, Laura Trama, Richard Bonafede, and Tony Palucci. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

Good News!

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord (C)
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

With baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

By baptism we are all children of God. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Collection for December 19, 2021	
Total Collection Sunday	\$9,619.70
Sunday Envelopes	\$7,081.70
Sunday Loose	\$2,319.00
Utilities	\$37.00
Postage	\$5.00
Flower Bank	\$135.00
Immaculate Conception	\$42.00
Total Attendance	518

Collection for December 26, 2021	
Total Collection Sunday	\$1,899.20
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,347.00
Sunday Loose	\$532.20
Postage	\$20.00
Total Attendance	271

Dear Padre

January 9, 2022

**Why did Jesus have to be baptized?
Did he have original sin like us or
was there another reason to be
baptized?**

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

Collection for Christmas 2021	
Total Collection	\$21,885.25
Total Attendance	501

Collection for January 2, 2022	
Total Collection Sunday	\$7,385.30
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,897.00
Sunday Loose	\$2,024.30
Utilities	\$55.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Candle Money	\$399.00
Total Attendance	418

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

HOLY DAYS

Please consult Bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office 586-3231

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

PARISH STAFF

Judy Joslin, Religious Education Administrator.
Kevin & Karin Spears, Youth Ministry
Nicole Fantauzzo, Secretary
Patrick Vogt, Business Manager
Teresa Galbier, Music Director

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.

Are you having trouble hearing Mass?

Saint Jerome's is equipped with a hearing-impaired loop system. We also have a new hearing technology that does not require hearing aides. If you are having trouble using our loop system with your current hearing aides, or if you'd like to know more about this new hearing technology that does not require hearing aides, contact John Schroth at 202-1673 or jfs@rochester.rr.com.